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CONSTRUCTION OF RUNWAY AT VIZAG AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested his Ministry to approve the construction of the runway of 10,000 feet at Vizag Airport since the airport belongs to defence (Navy);

(b) if so, the response of the Union Government thereon; and

(c) the time by which the work is likely to be started?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): There is a proposal to construct a new runway with other associated facilities at Visakhapatnam airport to make it suitable for operations of AB-300 class of aircraft with contribution from State Government of Andhra Pradesh, Ministry of Defence and the Airports Authority of India (AAI). AAI is conducting techno- economic study for the same.